

# Big Bend

## Ranger Programs

National Park Service  
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Big Bend National Park  
Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River



May 15 - 21, 2016

### Sunday, May 15

**9:30 AM Guided Walk – “The Way We Walk”** Many of us have enjoyed hiking on trails, but have you ever thought about how or why these trails were built? Join Ranger J. Woerner for a closer look at the work and thought behind trail building. Meet at the Chisos Basin Trailhead. Bring water, a hat, and good walking shoes. ½ mile. 45 minutes.

### Friday, May 20

**9:30 AM Guided Walk -- “History Beneath Your Feet”** Big Bend is rich with history, including the very trails we hike on. Join Ranger A. Marini to learn more about what the Civilian Conservation Corps built and how we maintain these hiking trails using similar tools and construction methods. Meet at the Lost Mine Trailhead. Bring water, a hat, and wear good hiking shoes. 1½ miles. 1 hour.

### Saturday, May 21

#### **Special NPS Centennial Program**

**8:00 AM Guided Walk – “Colima Warbler Expedition”** Big Bend is truly a bird watcher’s paradise. Join park rangers for a day hike into Boot Canyon in search of the Colima Warbler and other bird species found in the higher elevations of the Chisos Mountains. Group size is limited to 12 people; reservations can be made by emailing [bigbend\\_centennial@nps.gov](mailto:bigbend_centennial@nps.gov) or calling 477-1195. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Chisos Basin Visitor Center. Wear good hiking boots and bring water, snack, lunch, hat, and sunscreen. 9 miles. 7-8 hours.

**10:00 AM Program – “Bear Country”** Whether you are staying at the Lodge, camping, or hiking in the Chisos Mountains or foothills you are in *Bear Country*. Join Ranger M. Lavender to learn more about how to enjoy Bear Country safely and agreeably with the unique population of Mexican black bears that make Big Bend home. Meet at the patio outside the Chisos Mountains Lodge. 45 minutes.

**9:00 PM Evening Program – “Big Bend’s Top 10”** What makes Big Bend special or unique among national parks? What fascinating plants, animals, and fossils can be found nowhere else? Why are we one of the most revisited National Parks? Join Ranger J. Jurado for a look at the top ten things Big Bend can boast. Meet at the Chisos Basin Amphitheater. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour.

### Not able to attend a program? Consider these alternatives:

Enjoy the breath-taking beauty of Big Bend National Park in comfort with our 22-minute Park Orientation film. Available daily on request at the Panther Junction Visitor Center.

The 22-mile-long Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive offers access to eight different trails, several scenic vistas, many paved pullouts with exhibits that highlight park geology and cultural history, and culminates at the Castolon Historic District. Take a day and go explore!